GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NAXAL OPERATIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naxalites have made a budget of Rs. 60 crore for carrying out its armed struggle during 2007â€"2009 as reported in the Times of India dated February 18, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sent any team to assess the situation in those places where massive naxal attacks took place recently, including Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): This Ministry has no comments on the cited news report. However, it is reported by Jharkhand Police that an arrested naxalite has stated during interrogation that they have made budget of Rs. 60 crore during 2007-2009, allegedly for procurement of weapons and explosives.

(b): No other details are available.

(c) & (d): Government of India sends teams of officers from time to time, as per requirement, to assess the situation and to provide requisite assistance to the concerned States. In the wake of the recent incident in Orissa, a team of officials headed by Special Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs was sent to the State. Assistance, as per assessment made by this team, including deployment of 4 additional coys of CPMFs, was provided to the State.